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In early October 1952, additional personnel are to be employed for additional main administrations which are to be organized. Their designations were still unknown. The Minister held conferences with the Generalinspektor and Chief-inspekteure on the planned organization and structure of the national army and the ministry. It appeared that Willi Stoph would remain Minister and would direct the Ministry for National Forces when it becomes officially recognized. Hans Warneke was allegedly transferred to the new district administration in Rostock. Stadtrat Menschel (fnu), of the Magistrat of East Berlin was allegedly scheduled to fill the vacancy as chief of the state secretariat of the Ministry of the Interior. (2)

3. The Ministry for National Forces does not have a separate budget organization whereas the other ministries do. Its budget had the title 030/A in the budget of the Ministry of the Interior, while the budget of the Ministry of the Interior was 030/B. The accounts of the Ministry for National Forces were not audited by any other office. Neither the SED Central Committee nor the Central Control Commission were authorized to audit its expenditures. (3) The budget of the Ministry for National Forces including all its agencies such as the HVKVP, WVS and HWL amounted to 2,500,000,000 eastmarks for fiscal year 1952. (4) The Ministry of Heinrich Rau curtailed all investment plans from other government offices and diverted the money for use in the activation of the national army. For example, the budget of the State Commission for Arts was reduced from 60,000,000 to 4,000,000 eastmarks for 1953. A budget for the construction of new barracks installations was not yet established at the Ministry because the individual main administrations made their own investments in 1952. A payment regulation for the national army was being worked on. Fortincent drafts were submitted in Karlshorst by the chief of the main administration for finance.
4. The schedule for political indoctrination at the Ministry on 18 August 1952 was as follows:
 - 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. Economic crisis of capitalism. Lecture by VP Kommandeur Meigel (fnu), who previously served as a political lecturer at the school for judges in Bad Schandau.
 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. VP insignia. Lecture by VP Inspekteur Lohberger (fnu).
 - 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Interior duty regulation of the Volkspolizei, behaviour on duty, morals and protection against espionage activities, especially by wives. Lecture by VP Inspekteur Zettler (fnu).
 - 3:30 to 5 p.m. Instruction on pistol No 100 made in Suhl after a Soviet model. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] the NVA was renamed in Hauptverwaltung Kasernierte Volkspolizei (Main Administration for Kasernierte Volkspolizei) (HVKVP). The previous Volkspolizei Dienststellen (VPDs) were simultaneously renamed in Kasernierte Volkspolizei Dienststellen (KVPDs). Volunteers were previously enlisted by the KVPDs which sent them to the various agencies, e.g. other KVPDs, schools, the sea police and, in individual instances, also to the border police. As this procedure constituted only a provisional measure it appears plausible that a recruiting organization may be planned.

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- (2) [redacted]
- (3) This arrangement probably serves to conceal the activities of the forthcoming ministry.

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- (4) The budget of 2,500,000,000 eastmarks appears too low when the extent of military units already established is considered. This amount has probably been substantially increased in the meantime.
- (5) The production of Soviet model small arms in Eastern Germany corresponds with the procedure employed by the other Satellite countries.

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